

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING – JOINT WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023, 5:30 PM

Location: Eastham Public Library – Greg Turner Room

Present: Jamie Demetri, Chair; Arthur Autorino, Vice Chair; Suzanne Bryan; Jerry Cerasale; Jacqui Beebe, Town Manager; Richard Bienvenue, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

Finance Committee Members Present: Mary Shaw, Tom Gardner, Peter Wade, Rick Knight, Tom McNamara, Russ French, Dr. Joanna Buffington,

Remote Participation: Aimée Eckman, Clerk; Roy Merolli

Jamie Demetri called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Quote: *When you own your story, you get to write the ending.*

Mary Shaw called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 5:31PM.

PUBLIC / SELECT BOARD INFORMATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Pole Hearing Request from Verizon New England, Inc. and NSTAR Electric dba EVERSOURCE Energy requesting permission to place one (1) jointly owned pole 6/7.5 on Governor Prencce Road

The Board reviewed the proposed pole location with Ross Bilodeau from Verizon.

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to approve the request from Verizon and Eversource to place a jointly owned pole on Governor Prencce Road

Arthur Autorino seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

APPOINTMENTS

FY24 Budget Presentation – Jacqui Beebe, Town Manager and Rich Bienvenue, Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager

Jacqui and Rich reviewed the overview of the proposed budget as is included in the agenda packet. This information and further detail is available on the Town Website at <https://www.eastham-ma.gov/233/Budget-Annual-Town-Meeting>.

The Select Board and Finance Committee discussed the proposed budget in further detail. The full presentation and discussion can be seen and heard through the Meeting Videos on the Town Website at www.eastham-ma.gov.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 6:53PM.

LICENSING

Renewal of Common Victualler License:

1. Chocolate Café – 5030 State Highway

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to approve the Renewal of the Common Victualler License for the Chocolate Café

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Recuse

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Annual Town Election Hours

Cindy Nicholson, Town Clerk, joined the meeting to review her recommendation to reduce the state hours of 7AM to 8PM to 8AM to 7PM. The Board discussed the hours in further detail with Cindy.

Arthur Autorino made a motion to approve the Annual Town Election Hours from 8AM to 8PM and that we continue the option of mail-in voting and eliminate the early in-person voting.

Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Acceptance of Gifts to the Town of Eastham from the Estate of Shirley J. Crowley

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to accept the final account from the Estate of Shirley J. Crowley as presented by Scott Davis.

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Committee Resignation:

1. Finance Committee – Rae Ann Palmer (Select Board Appointee)

Arthur Autorino made a motion to accept the resignation of Rae Ann Palmer with thanks from the Board

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Committee Appointment:

1. Conservation Commission – Dr. Gregory Douglas

Arthur Autorino made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Gregory Douglas to the Conservation Commission

Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

New State Law Allowing Towns to Petition State to reduce Speed on a State Road

The Board discussed the Bill that was recently signed and agreed to keep this as an option as the town considers the redesign of Route 6. Jim Fitzgerald, Environmental Partners Group will be

providing a presentation to the Select Board regarding the traffic study and his recommendations for the redesign. The Master Planner will also provide their recommendations and information about the anticipated increases in traffic flow. Both presentations are scheduled at the Select Board meeting on January 23, 2023. The Select Board will then consider the information from both of these presentations along with the new state law.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Jacqui Beebe provided the following updates to the Board in addition to her Report included in the Packet:

- Jacqui reviewed the Town Hall Exterior Improvement project as outline in her report which is included in the agenda packet for this meeting
- The Charter has been signed by Governor Baker!

NEW/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

None

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1. December 19, 2022 – Regular Session
2. December 19, 2022 – Board of Water Commissioners

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to approve the minutes as listed

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion with corrections noted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

OTHER BUSINESS / CORRESPONDENCE

- When is the COA going to provide the results of their recent survey? Jacqui Beebe noted that within a week or so, it will be presented to the COA Board

ADJOURNMENT

Suzanne Bryan made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM

Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Gillespie-Lee

Public documents for this meeting can be viewed on the town website through this link:

<https://www.eastham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1981/01-09-2023-Select-Board-Packet>